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Quick! Answer the following questions:

- 1) How much is school enrollment projected to increase between 1992 and 2003?
- 2) What were the three top States in terms of U.S. exports in 1993?
- 3) What percentage of murders were committed with handguns as compared to 12 years ago?

- 4) What were the 1993 proceeds from State lotteries and which sectors received the monies?

Stumped? The answers to these questions (available below) and countless others can be found quickly in the best-selling government statistical compendium, the Census Bureau's *Statistical Abstract of the United States* for 1994, the 114th edition. The 1994 edition features statistics as recent as 1993 — and projections to 2050!

There are more than 1,500 charts and tables and 30 categories of data. Sometimes referred to as "Uncle Sam's Almanac," the *Abstract* covers everything from government spending, to the environment, to communications. It is a most comprehensive one-volume reference source on the Nation's economic and social condition.

The 1994 edition has over 90 new tables with measurements covering topics such as health care expenditures by State, average college costs for undergraduates, gun ownership, microcomputer software sales, and international trade in goods and services. The tables come from hundreds of sources, including

A Selection of the Over 90 New Tables Added to the 1994 Abstract

- Family groups with children under 18 years old, by race and Hispanic origin: 1970 to 1993
- Home health and hospice care patients, by selected characteristics: 1991
- Microcomputers for student instruction in elementary and secondary schools: 1985 to 1993
- Handgun crime victimization rates by sex, race, and age: 1987-1991 period
- Motion pictures and amusement and recreation services — annual receipts: 1987 to 1992
- Lottery sales — type of game and use of proceeds: 1980 to 1993
- Fatal work injuries by cause: 1992
- Weekly food cost: 1990 and 1993
- Venture capital commitments: 1980 to 1993
- U.S. international trade in goods and services: 1992 and 1993

Figure 2

New for '94 —

- Latest facts on information technology
- Dow Jones equity market index and gross State product—both by industry
- Health care expenditures and people without health insurance by State
- Foreign stock and bond activity and U.S. multi-national companies

...and more than 80 other new charts and tables

Figure 1

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government agencies, trade associations, and research institutions.

The *Abstract* includes a list of telephone contacts for key Federal statistical agencies and full-page world maps.

Topics for Everyone

The topics found in the *Abstract* are of interest to practically everyone — students, researchers in all fields,

political types, lawyers, and the curious-minded.

Topics cover health, education, elections, crime, recreation, housing, employment, agriculture, and much more. In addition, there's an extensive list of tables with State rankings for topics like infant mortality rates, the rate of physicians to population, crime, and educational attainment. See figures 1 and 2.

Answers

- 1) School enrollment is projected to increase by 8.9 million between 1992 and 2003, from 62.4 million to 71.3 million.
- 2) California, Texas, and Washington.
- 3) Handguns were used in 55 percent of the murders in 1992, compared to 46 percent in 1980.
- 4) State lottery proceeds in 1993 were \$9.1 billion. Education received 53 percent of lottery proceeds, followed by general funds at 27 percent. Cities and senior citizen programs each received 7 percent.

Figure 3

Comparison of 1994 Statistical Abstract CD-ROM and the 1994 Statistical Abstract Publication

CD-ROM Table No. 304, on crime rates for selected large cities

[Offenses known to the police per 100,000 population. Based on Bureau of the Census estimated resident population as of July 1.]

What's new on CD-ROM

Actual population figures
for each of the cities

Land area

Three-year comparison

Percent change in crime

Crime Rates, by Type —
Selected Large Cities

Cities Ranked by Population Size, 1992	1992 Population	1990 Land area (Sq. miles)	Three-year comparison			Percent change, 1991- 1992	Violent Crimes				
			1990 Crime index, total	1991 Crime index, total	1992 Crime index, total		Total	Murder	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
New York, NY	7,311,966	308.95	9,699	9,236	8,491	-8.1	2,164	27.1	38.2	1,237	861
Los Angeles, CA	3,489,779	469.34	9,225	9,730	9,364	-3.8	2,460	30.3	51.8	1,093	1,285
Chicago, IL	2,768,483	227.23	(\1)	(\2)	(\2)	(X)	(\2)	33.1	(\2)	1,357	1,450
Houston, TX	1,690,180	539.88	11,338	10,824	8,747	-19.2	1,465	27.4	69.0	657	712
Philadelphia, PA	1,552,572	135.13	7,192	6,833	6,071	-11.2	1,189	26.5	48.7	728	385
San Diego, CA	1,148,851	324.00	9,145	8,537	8,010	-6.2	1,284	12.7	42.1	462	768
Dallas, TX	1,022,497	342.41	15,520	15,066	12,430	-17.5	2,072	37.0	104.7	911	1,019
Phoenix, AZ	1,012,230	419.91	0,756	9,958	9,222	-7.4	1,091	13.6	47.6	314	716
Detroit, MI	1,012,110	138.72	12,192	12,264	11,229	-8.4	2,533	57.0	117.3	1,168	1,191
San Antonio, TX	966,437	333.03	12,477	12,291	11,218	-8.7	733	22.5	63.3	358	289
San Jose, CA	801,331	171.26	5,364	-8.5	4,906	669	5.3	55.2	152	457	
Indianapolis, IN	746,538	361.70	6,749	7,357	7,260	-1.3	1,380	17.8	109.5	437	816
San Francisco, CA	728,921	46.70	9,662	9,384	10,195	8.6	1,821	15.6	52.6	1,102	651
Baltimore, MD	726,096	80.81	10,596	11,371	11,928	4.9	2,885	44.3	99.1	1,623	1,119

The CD-ROM table shown here is in Lotus® worksheet format. It can be accessed directly from subdirectories. Using Lotus® we have reformatted the TextWare Lite® version on the disc. In TextWare Lite® the parts of a single table have been combined so that fewer columns appear on the screen. TextWare Lite® is a relatively simple software that most users can manipulate with just a little guidance.

The table reproduced here from the Abstract publication is very similar to the configuration of the TextWare Lite® table.

Note: Both the CD-ROM and the publication table contain additional cells for property crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft).

A Statistical Abstract table on crime rates for cities

Section 5. Law Enforcement, Courts, and Prisons

No. 304. Crime Rates, by Type — Selected Large Cities: 1992

[Offenses known to the police per 100,000 population. Based on Bureau of the Census estimated resident population as of July 1.]

Cities Ranked by Population Size, 1992 (1)	Crime index, total	Violent Crimes				
		Total	Murder	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
New York, NY	8,491	2,164	27.1	38.2	1,237	861
Los Angeles, CA	9,364	2,460	30.3	51.8	1,093	1,285
Chicago, IL	(2)	(2)	33.1	(2)	1,357	1,450
Houston, TX	8,747	1,465	27.4	69.0	657	712
Philadelphia, PA	6,071	1,189	26.5	48.7	728	385
San Diego, CA	8,010	1,284	12.7	42.1	462	768
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Baltimore, MD	11,928	2,885	44.3	99.1	1,623	1,119

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Figure 4

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